MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether the relaxation of the existing rules would mean the use of neither the new kind of dress nor the old kind of dress by the public servants?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No, Sir. The existing rules are relaxed to the extent that the public servants are permitted to use the dress prescribed under the new order even now.

PRESIDENT: What is the point that the honourable member wishes to make?

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Sir, besides the new dress and the old form of dress, I am afraid there is the possibility of a third form of dress being used by public servants. Will such a kind of dress be allowed?

PRESIDENT: I think there is some confusion on this matter. What the Government have done is to direct that, in certain institutions and public offices, clerks and officers may appear in what may be called an approximation to the national dress, or, to put it in another way to use a form of dress suited to this climate not difficult to obtain from the point of view of the present financial condition of the country. Therefore it is that a person can wear either jubba and angavasthram or jubba alone with mundu. If any person is accustomed to wear the European dress at home, or the Muslim dress or any other dress, he is not precluded from wearing that dress in any office or institution. If he is going to adopt this form of dress, nobody is going to complain about that although it is hoped and trusted that all members would use this form of dress which I may say has been generally hailed as a move in the right direction.

Representation re: *the Advocates' present professional robes.*

6. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from Advocates or Bar Associations requesting permission to change the Advocates' present professional robes into Jubbas with Gowns; and

(*b*) if so, the decision thereon by the Government?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Bar Associations have been told in reply that this is a matter within the discretion of the High Court.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagupally cum Kartikapally*): May I know whether the High Court have changed the form of dress to be used by the Advocates?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No, Sir. The High Court have not altered the rules relating to dress prescribed under the Civil Courts Guide.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware that the Bar Council have passed a resolution against any change in the form of dress of the Advocates?

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RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The Government are not aware.

Emergent repairs to tanks in Kalkulam and Vilavankod.

7. ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount was spent during the year 1117 for emergent repairs to tanks in the Kalkulam and Vilavanked taluks out of the amount provided for in item No. 369 "Detailed Budget Estimate under P. W. D. for 1117 Part II New Works"; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the names of the tanks so repaired?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Manganakuzhikulam in Survey No. 3456/1/3 of Aloor pakuthy in Kalkulam taluk.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether the tank referred to in the answer is the only tank where repairs have to be done?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: In that particular locality that is the only tank.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether no other tank is proposed to be improved.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Altogether 6 tanks have been proposed to be improved.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether the amounts allotted for repairing these tanks have been completely expended?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Only Rs. 500 have been spent towards repairs.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know what was the total amount allotted towards repairs?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Rs 1,000.

MR. M. SIVATHAHU PILLAI: So, may I know what is the balance available?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: There is a balance of Rs. 500.

Investigation of Minor P. W. D. Works.

8 ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether any and what minor P. W. D. works have been investigated by the Nagercoil and Thuckalay Sub-Division officers during the year 1117?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: A* list of the minor P. W. D. works is placed on the table.

"Other Hindu" Officers.

9 ***MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of "Other Hindu" officers drawing a monthly salary of more than Rs. 25 and the communities in the "Other Hindu" division to which they belong?

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* *Vide* Appendix II pages 56, 57.

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